MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) The Chief Engineer has received a petition.

(*b*) The prayers of the petitioners are being considered by the Chief Engineer.

Cement and Tarred roads.

215. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average cost per square foot of cement roads and tarred roads respectively; and

(*b*) why some tarred roads in the city of Trivandrum are even and strong while some others are rutted and with cross furrows and easily spoiled?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) The cost of cement concrete road is approximately Rs. 40/-per 100 square ft. or Rs. 30,000/-per mile of 14 ft. width.

The cost of shelcrete is Rs. 15,000.

The cost of tar premix is Rs. 11,000.

The cost of colas is Rs. 7,000.

The cost of tarring is Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 6,000.

(*b*) (*i*) Traffic on some of the roads is heavier than in others.

(*ii*) The method of treatment varies, some portions having costlier method of treatment and some the less costly.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether all these experiments are being tried on the roads in Trivandrum?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Shelcrete tar premix have not been tried by me, but colas and tar have been used.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly